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Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy
Joint Oversight Board
Meeting Summary
January 24, 2013 2-4 p.m.
Douglass Truth Library, Seattle

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Loran Lichty at 2:05 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present: Kathy Brasch (Co-Chair), Kathleen Hadaller, Loran Lichty (Co-Chair), David Ramsay

RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent: Edith Loyer Nelson, Kate Slaminko

**Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present**: Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Chair), Robert Stephens, Jr., Bill Wood

VCLOB Members Excused/Absent: Stan Gunno, Kathy Lewis

King County Staff Present: Jillian Andrews, Executive Services; George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Greg Ferland, DCHS, Sherry Hamilton, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Andrea Lafazia-Geraghty, Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD), Pat Lemus, DCHS; Janna Wilson, Public Health, Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Emily Yette, PHSKC.

**Guests**: Francisco Ivarra, John Pruitt, Dixon McReynolds, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), Curtis Thompson.

## **Review of Joint Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary of the December 13, 2012 Joint Board meeting was approved as written.

### **Implementation Plan Review**

Janna Wilson, PHSKC and Greg Ferland, Community Services Division Director discussed the implementation plan for new levy Activity 3.3 Health Care Reform System Design and Implementation. The plan will be implemented in stages as more will be known in a few years about the impact of health care reform on local agencies. The PHSKC and DCHS will be



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sharing responsibility for implementing this activity. Today they presented Phase I of the plan which includes 2013-2015. In 2015 they will return to the board with a description of their plan for Phase II. Discussion on the implementation plan included the following:

- Data integration of medical records is an enormously challenging task.
- It's important to keep track of youth in the data system once they are released from foster care.
- Using social media may be a good way to get information out to the community.
- It's important to inform and engage the community and community based agencies in this process.

#### Outcomes

- Janna Wilson and Greg Ferland will continue to update the VHS Levy boards as the Health Care Reform implementation plan unfolds.
- Board members would like to be informed of the Health Care Reform community meetings (Staff note: a link to the calendar of these meetings was distributed to board members late January).
- The 3.3 Implementation plan will be posted for two weeks on the levy website for public comment

# Heroes Employment Reintegration Opportunity (HERO) Program – Veterans Internship Program

George Dignan, Employment and Education Resources Administrator, updated board members on the Veteran's Internship Program that received two years of Veterans Levy funding through the 2012 Supplemental Appropriations Budget Ordinance. Ten positions have been identified in King County department and all are currently filled with veterans. He indicated that besides offering employment, a veterans mentor is available to provide personal support to the intern. The King County Veterans Program is also available to help support the veteran.

## Discussion:

- Board members are interested in the performance measures and outcomes of the internship program.
- It was suggested that an internship in the Sherriff's department would be useful.

## **RHSLOB Chair Highlights – Loran Lichty**

The RHSLOB is in active recruitment mode, with board positions open in King County Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and Exec appointments for positions 11 and 12. Please refer any interested candidates to Marcy Kubbs.

At the RHSLOB meeting earlier today, Loran Lichty was confirmed by the board membership as Chair for 2013. David Ramsay was confirmed as the Vice Chair.

The RHSLOB recently adopted their 2013 Work Plan.

## **VCLOB Chair Highlights – Doug Hoople**

Board membership applications for Mary Kay Lewis (District 1) and Francisco Ivarra's (District 4) have been transmitted to the Clerk of the Council.



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Board membership applications for Curtis Thompson (Position 10), Ray Tomlinson's (Position 12) and Douglas Hoople (Position 6) have been submitted to the Boards and Commissions section of the Office of the Executive.

## **King County Staff Report**

- The 2013 contracting and MOA work is almost complete and soon program manager's yearend reports will be due. These will inform the writing of the 2012 VHS Levy Annual Report.
- Staff is preparing materials and plans to hold a board orientation for new members.
- Pat Lemus and Andrea Lafazia-Geraghty reported that King County Executive Dow Constantine will launch a Regional Veterans Initiative at his State of the County speech on February 4, 2013. More details will be provided on the initiative as they become available.
- The first cohort of students from the Aerospace Initiative training program will graduate on February 8. Details of the graduation ceremony will be sent to board members (Staff note: details of the graduation ceremony were emailed to board members in early February).

#### **Old Business**

VCLOB members would like to see more site visits added to their work plan.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Petitions/Communication (public comment)**

Curtis Thompson would like to share information on the Veterans Employment Retention program with board members.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

